

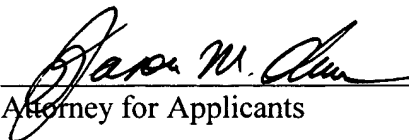
C. Remarks

The claims are 2-26, 28-39, 56-60, 63-65 and 67-85, with claims 2, 28, 65, 67 and 82 being independent. Non-elected claims 1, 27 and 66 have been cancelled. Claims 3, 4, 9, 12, 17-20, 23 and 29-35 have been amended to reflect the cancellation of claims 1 and 27. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the present claims is expressly requested.

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted in order to cancel the non-elected claims, because the restriction requirement has been made final. Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment After Final Rejection filed on September 2, 2003 be considered together with the Supplemental Amendment and that all outstanding rejections be withdrawn so that the present case can be passed to issue.

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